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THE EDITOR PASSES—LONG LIVE THE EDITOR

When in April, 1924, the Conference changed editors with the purpose of making The Pacific a news sheet instead of an organ of opinion there was little expectation that we would survive five years without further Conference action or rebuke. We have found the present method serviceable in the promotion of some of our work, by enlarging our audience though we have regretted the failure to get the kind of church news that people enjoy reading. Your present editor desires to thank those who have so cordially helped us in their contributions as well as in their encouragement. We now make our bow as we turn over the responsibility to the new Superintendent trusting that he may find new ways of preserving this historic publication as well as getting the larger list of readers and subscribers. With the farewell goes my best wishes as we enter into the festivities of the Christmas season with all its good cheer. And through the good cheer may we have a fresh vision of that gift—the gift of love—that came when the morning stars sung together as the Christian host now sing together at Christmas-time.

SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS

The National Council office in New York has recently put out an attractive folder on the proposed visit of American Congregationalists to the International Council at Bournemouth.. The White Star Liner "Adriatic" has been chosen as the Pilgrimage's official steamer. On this trip it leaves New York June 14, 1930, for Liverpool, by way of Glasgow and Belfast. This folder also lists quite a number of trips through the British Isles and on the Continent before and after the Bournemoth Council. Any one interested should send to the National Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, for a copy of the folder. It lists the prices for all classes of travel and for the special side trips also. One of these side trips takes in the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

DR. HAWKINS—AUTHOR

"Do the Churches Dare?" is the arresting title of a new book by Dr. Hawkins of our First Church, San Franicsco. The doctrine of Emergent Evolution as it applies to religion in general and Jesus in particular, while losing none of its profundity is made clear and convincing. Here are two or three striking sentences culled at random: "It is a matter of historical interest to know what the immediate followers of Jesus thought of Him, but it is much more vital to know what the men of the Twentieth Century will do with his life as it appears as a challenge of love." "Only by living the values of Deity can you become a child of Deity." "Natural science alone can never give a religion to us. It can only give us a more or less flexible world in which spiritual realities may find a home." Laymen as well as ministers will be amply rewarded in reading this book.

—H. H. G.

AN APPRECIATION

On December 31st Dr. William J. Minchin will retire from the office of Superintendent of our Conference. He leaves our work on a solid financial basis. There are no burdensome debts to plague us for years to come, such as some other denominations are carrying. That Dr. Minchin has gained the universal respect, affection and admiration of our churches and ministers, is evidenced by the many expressions of esteem heard on every hand.

We quote from the Resolutions adopted by the Conference at Asilomar last August:

"Dr. Minchin has, by his ability, knowledge and judgment, coupled with patient faithful tireless labor, been able to lead our Conference in achieving the following substantial results:

(a) Increase of our capital investments from $65,072.11 to $119,119.98, an increase of 83 per cent.

(b) Increase of our giving for Home Missions from $17,885 to $21.793 per year, an increase of 22 per cent.

(c) Our Conference has increased our benevolent contributions from $14,468 to $19,058 per year.

(d) At the same time our membership has increased from 17,878 to 18,605.

"During much of this time Dr. Minchin has been carrying the work of two men, working long hours, never sparing himself, saving money for the Conference in every possible way, and often at serious inconvenience to himself, and in every way setting an example of utterly unselfish service.

"Dr. Minchin led us along lines of breadth and tolerance, and of cordial co-operation with other denominations and agencies, and has represented us with weight and distinction in national and regional conferences.

"In these and other ways we recognize that Dr. Minchin's administration has placed the affairs of our Conference upon a firm foundation upon which those who follow him can build with confidence and security.

"To him and his loyal and devoted wife we give our heartfelt love, good wishes and prayers, confident that the years he has spent with us will open the way to even larger service in the future." —H. H. G.

BAY ASSOCIATION

Has the Bay Association ceased to exist as a corporation? Many people seem uncertain about the present status. The answer is "Not at all." The net result of the various actions recently taken is this:

The Bay Association Board will turn back to the Conference Board the administration of all pastoral aid grants and the problems in connection with the settling of pastors on fields of service. The way is open for the Association, as a corporation, to become in effect a City Extension Society looking after all matters of locations and properties of new or proposed churches and of relocations and financing of biulding projects for older organizations. The splendid talents of the laymen who now make up that Board will be of inestimable value in this concentrated line of endeavor.

—H. H. G.

IN HARNESS

The Superintendent-elect got into the harness promptly on December 1st. He preached twice on that day at San Rafael, where the pastor has resigned. On Monday morning he was in the Conference office. Throughout the month of December he will work with Dr. Minchin in an endeavor to become acquainted with the office routine and will also reach a number of points in the field. In connection with his trip to the Mid-Winter Conference he will visit two or three offices of state and city organizations with the hope of gaining ideas which will make his work more effective.

—H. H. G.

THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our New York office reports that they are sending out the appeal for special Christmas funds to bring cheer to the hearts of many of our aged ministers and their wives, people who have served faithfully in small churches and for meager salaries where they have had no opportunity to set aside funds for the proverbial "rainy day," and who, without the help of the Ministerial Relief Boards, would be in great need. We trust our people will respond to this appeal as well as they can, to make this fund a real benefit to our retired workers.

STOCKTON'S NEW BUILDING

It was my pleasure last week to visit the newly dedicated Educational Building of the First Congregational Church of Stockton. It reflects the best judgment of modern religious educators in that it provides for the utmost flexibility in the use of assembly halls and class-rooms, all of which open to generous corridors which provide for rapid circulation with minimum congestion. Class-rooms are larger than usual in size and of varying size, making possible larger groups. Rooms for smaller children are flooded with morning sunshine and open attractively to the court which later will be a bower of natural beauty.

The provisions for social life are attractive for every group—the large club-room for Scouts and other organizations, with large fireplace, the church reception rooms with special facilities for women and adult life, and major social hall with motion picture booth, stage and dressing rooms —all reflect intelligent thought for the advancement of the social functions of a modern church.

The whole has been done with fine sense for good taste, and reflects well the Colonial architecture and its atmosphere of restraint and fine proportion. Architect and builder are both to be congratulated, along with the church, who, through a hard-working committee, have created this fine expression of Congregationalism in action in Stockton.

I believe the educational unit, now completed, of the Stockton Congregational Church is of outstanding merit and will soon be recognized as one of the most effectively thought out buildings in Northern California.

—Herbert Francis Evans.

A CHALLENGE

"The largest sum that anyone has ever pledged for the whole of our Congregational enterprise" is announced by our Commission on Missions in reporting a gift of $100,000 by two friends who have withheld their names. This gift is on condition that the churches shall increase their giving by $400,000 per year, and that $100,000 more shall be raised from individuals. Shall not our Conference do its part, by increasing our gifts by 20 per cent?

BENEVOLENCES

January 11 - November 30, 1929

Adin	$ 101.57
Alameda First	130.00
Alturas	115.00
Berkeley First	7,266.60
Berkeley North	1,517.49
Berkeley Park	131.38
Campbell	128.00
Ceres	550.00
Cloverdale	299.88
Cotati	65.64
Crockett	130.56
Eureka First	265.85
Fairfax	35.00
Ferndale	108.45
Fresno First	568.84
Glen Ellen	13.20
Grass Valley	111.23
Kenwood	15.55
Lockeford	15.00
Lodi First	1,072.00
Loomis	5.00
Los Gatos	44.91
Martinez	241.96
Murphys	70.00
Niles	53.57
Oakland Calvary	20.00
Oakland First	5,641.15
Oakland Olivet	93.26
Oakland Pilgrim	272.28
Oakland Plymouth	944.79
Orland	30.00
Oroville	292.22
Pacific Grove	407.05
Palermo	10.00
Palo Alto	1,820.95
Paradise	75.00
Petaluma	241.00
Pittsburg	81.06
Porterville	85.00
Redwood City	657.35
Reno, Nev.	361.88
Rio Vista	10.00
Ripon	19.49
Sacramento	683.20
Salida	21.00
San Francisco Bethany	150.00
San Francisco Calvary	20.00
San Francisco First	2,250.00
San Francisco Richmond	57.02
San Jose	1,009.05
San Leandro	65.25
San Mateo	10.00
San Rafael	5.00
Santa Cruz	923.91
Santa Rosa First	474.29
Saratoga	682.23
Sebastopol	34.70
Sonoma	234.02
Stockton	1,542.00
Suisan	3.25
Sunnyvale	50.00
Sunol Glen	38.50
Tulare	168.25
Weaverville	48.00
Woodside	129.50
Williams	14.00
Miscellaneous	3,879.30
	$36,611.63

THE STOCKTON DEDICATION

Throughout the first week of November this church was happily busy with the dedication of the first unit of their new church. It is located on a commanding site in a fine residential district. The present building has been designed for the general uses of a Parish House. The office and study is large, light and accessible. The school rooms and equipment are attractive and commodious. One of the surprise features is the large and comfortable social hall where the church services are being held until the auditorium is erected. Best of all is the fact that this unit is paid for and that there is a nest egg left for the fine auditorium that is to come later. We compliment the church and pastor in the good taste shown in this structure and for the patience shown in building within their means.

MR. HOLMES GOES TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

With great regret the Conference learns of the resignation of Rev. Jerome C. Holmes from the pastorate of the Santa Rosa Church. He goes to Saialua, a few miles north of Honolulu, to take charge of a group of churches passing from the Japanese language to the English. He is admirably fitted for this work through his years of service in Japan. He has endeared himself to old and young in his few years of service here. Had it not been for the merger he would be serving us as the Pacific Coast Secretary of the American Board. He leaves us with the close of the year. His leadership in Santa Rosa is much appreciated in that city. We are loath to let him go.

PERSONALS

Word comes that two of our ministers have been on the sick list during November, namely Rev. W. H. Youngman of Cloverdale and Rev. C. H. Cleaves of Oakland. We hear that they are improving and will soon be on full time.

MR. SHUDER LEAVES LODI

For nearly two years Rev. Harry A. Shuder has labored most industriously at Lodi. He is a diligent student and alive to the interests of young people. He leaves the field December 31st.

ONCE MORE

We appeal to you to send in your renewal to The Pacific. We have dropped over sixty names from the mailing list this month who did not reply to our former letter. Other letters will be going out from the office very soon, but you can save us a deal of work if you will not wait for this personal reminder. May we count on your co-operation?

REDWOOD CITY CHOIR

The choir of the Redwood City Church is doing some missionary work. With twenty-five voices comprising this choir, they made a visit to Menlo Park to put on a program, and are going to visit their protege, the San Carlos Church, next Sunday. On this trip their minister, Rev. C. H. Stevens, will accompany them, occupying the pulpit for Mr. Cherington.

TULARE

The task of renovating the church at Tulare is now completed and everyone is delighted with the result. Furthermore, it is all paid for, and there is some money in hand to begin the work on the parsonage. Although no rededication services were held, the first service in the "new" building was a special occasion, and drew a good crowd. Ten new members have recently been added to the church, and the outlook is good for the new year.

FRUITVALE

During the week ending November 16th, the Fruitvale Church enjoyed a series of lectures, Monday to Friday evenings, on "Personal Problems—How to Solve Them." Mr. James M. Heady, Psy.D., was the lecturer.

The ladies of the church have recently given two dinners, and held a bazaar. Two people have been baptized and five added to the church membership.

NINETY-FOUR IN ONE DAY!

What a sight it was! Ninety-four new members crowded into the space about the platform and reaching back into the aisles. This was the result of the Fall Campaign in First Church San Francisco, led by the pastor, Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins and the Extention Director, Mr. David H. Gill. Reports indicate that the Sunday School and Young People's work in this downtown church are receiving increasing emphasis. Large congregations at both Sunday services and on Wednesday nights reveal the hold that the church and its pastor have upon the public.

—H. H. G.

TRINITY COUNTY

"Four Thousand Miles Through Africa" is finding its way through many miles of Trinity County. Rev. Robert J. Allen is making use of the stereopticon made possible by the gift of the Federation of Congregational Women in giving this missionary lecture. Besides keeping his preaching appointments at Weaverville, Mr. Allen is keeping the following schedule:

Junction City	December 3
Lewiston	December 4
Hyampom	December 5
Hayfork	December 6
Salyer	December 9
Big Bear	December 10
Helena	December 11

—H. H. G.

AUBURN

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Eckles have done a strong piece of work at Auburn during the past year. Recently the ladies of that church entertained delegates from Grass Valley, Loomis and Sacramento at a delightful and bountiful luncheon. Mrs. C. E. Howard and Mrs. W. H. Childers, the retiring and incoming presidents for the women's work in the Asociation, and the Superintendent-elect were the speakers.

—H. H. G.

SACRAMENTO

Rev. and Mrs. Harley H. Gill were kept extremely busy attending social and dinner engagements during the last two weeks of their work in Sacramento. The largest attendance ever reached at the monthly Happy Night Dinner greeted them on the evening of November 20th. A generous check was presented to the pastor and his wife. Another large audience was present on the Sunday following to hear the final sermon, which was on the subject, "When In Doubt, Go Ahead."

During the year thus far 44 new members have been received, and 22 have been removed. The membership is now 523. Dr. F. W. Hodgdon of Pacific School of Religion is to supply the pulpit until the new pastor is on the field.

—H. H. G.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman F. Swartz report a busy but highly rewarding journey in the Orient.

IN MEMORIAM

REV. F. A. BISSELL

Rev. Frank Anson Bissell passed away on Saturday, November 23rd after an illness of five days. He was born in India in March, 1855; his father and mother being missionaries of the American Board, in the vicinity of Bombay.

When a mere lad he was brought to this country and lived with an uncle. He and his brother Lemuel, were students together in the class of 1879 in the Yale Divinity School. Lemuel afterwards became a Presbyterian minister and served churches in Michigan and New York.

Frank, after serving churches in the middle west came to California and was pastor at National City, Green Valley, San Lorenzo, Soquel, Sunnyvale and Angels Camp. At the latter place two years ago he suffered a stroke, from which he never fully recovered.

The funeral services, held in Sunnyvale, where he had been living the later months, were simple, as best befitted his nature. They were conducted by Rev. Charles G. Marshall, pastor of the church; Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. R. B. Cherington, Rev. Benjamin St. John, and Rev. E. C. Oakley,—all Yale men, the last two being in the school at the same time with Mr. Bissell.

Two main passions possessed Mr. Bissell, and had he yielded exclusively to either he would probably have been a marked man in that department of service. One was music and the other philosophy. In his Yale days he was leader of a male quartet, which had an outstanding reputation in New Haven. His clear high tenor voice with a distinct appreciation of music was a prophesy of what he might have done had he given himself solely to music.

But he had another trend, to which he lent himself more completely, and that was philosophy. His collection of philosophical works is rare and complete; and they are not books merely purchased and catalogued; he knew his books thoroughly. Few men were as well read in philosophy as he.

But the rare thing about Frank Bissell was not his skill in music or his scholarship; but rather his genial spirit. He was a happy-hearted, sunny-natured soul of kindness. Whoever knew him loved him. His love of little children was but a reflection of his own childlikeness. He did not become "as a little child"—he always was a little child.

His memory is a perpetual ray of sunshine. E. C. OAKLEY.

REV. WILLIAM FLOYD

Rev. William Floyd was born in Cornwall Dec. 10th, 1847, and died in Oakland, Calif., Nov. 29th, 1929. He seemed to be in his usual health until the Tuesday before and no concern was at first felt when he complained of pain. By Thursday his condition was very serious and on Friday morning he passed away. His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Floyd and his daughter, Miss Edith Floyd and his son Fred. Floyd and his wife were with him, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Floyd having come to spend Thanksgiving with their parents.

Mr. Floyd came to Toronto in 1870 where he remained until 1890, when he came to Healdsburg, where he held the pastorate of the Methodist Church for three years. Coming to Oakland in 1904 he held pastorates at Ocean View, San Francisco; Bethany, Berkeley, and Bay Point. He endeared himself to his parishioners by his faithful work, his friendliness and sympathy. Among his fellow ministers he was noted for his cheery optimism and good fellowship. He was at all Association and Conference meetings whenever possible, bringing his earnest faith into all his contacts and with it a beautiful joyousness. He gave, on his eightieth birthday, a talk to the San Francisco Monday Ministers Club, full of the pathos and humor of a rich fund of experience which made a deep impression. He will be greatly missed and our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

C. F. CLARKE.

BOOK REVIEW

We wish to give space to a recent review of "The Boy Who Wanted to Fly" by Rev. Arthur Bunce. It was written by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. Mr. Bunce has gone to Arizona for the winter. He offers a special Christmas price to Sunday Schools and teachers. His new address is: Rev. Arthur Bunce, 2404 East First St., Tucson, Arizona.

"The Boy Who Wanted to Fly; and Other Talks to Boys and Girls"

By Arthur Bunce. Price ..... Ten illustrations by M. T. Ross. Published by the Harr Wagner Publishing Co., San Francisco. Here we have around three-dozen talks to boys and girls by a man who is of the child heart and so is able to think and feel with the child. Too often adults talk down to children, and equally often in an attempt to get on their level, we become inane, and talk as no child ever would. Boys and girls are quick to detect either of these attitudes, and inherently resent them. Mr. Bunce talks with them. He is able to do this because he has evidently never lost the power of seeing things as they see them. Therefore he is able to convey to them the value of what they themselves see and feel, without preaching or lecturing. The talks are sane and strong. The value of quiet cheerful courage is conveyed perfectly in "The Story of the Boy With the Patched Up Face"; and the importance of right building is demonstrated in "The Earthquake in Our Canyon." This is so throughout the series, for these are haphazard illustrations. And, as is so often the case, the things said to children are of equal value to their elders. I felt as I read this book it would be an excellent thing for many a man, absorbed in the cares of this life, and for many a woman, Martha-like, distracted, to sit quietly down and read this little book, allowing its philosophy of life to soak well into their lives. I should like to add that M. T. Ross has greatly enriched the story by the pictures. They are so fine, so delicate, breathing the very elfin spirit of childhood charmingly.

Important To Me by Margaret Slattery—A book for personal reading or class discussion. It challenges young people to make a brave, honest, penetrating study of themselves, their friends, their religion, and helps them to think through a wholesome philosophy of life, and discover and experience a religion that can thrive gloriously in this modern age. $1.00

The Pupil and the Teacher by L. A. Weigle (New Printing) — Professor Weigle has appended to each of the chapters of this book new suggestions for investigation and discussion and fresh bibliographies. Leaders of teacher-training classes will find the new material helpful. 65 cents.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION AT RIVERSIDE

In order to balance the yearly program for Congregational Young People in Southern California there will be instituted in 1930 the first Annual Mid-Winter Convention, to be held at the First Congregational Church in Riverside on January 11th and 12th. This meeting will take the place of the former Young People's Division of the Annual Meeting of the Southern California Congregational Conference, held in May. The new arrangement makes it possible for our young people to gather for inspiration and fellowship in both the summer and winter.

The program for the First Mid-Winter Convention will center around the convention theme, "How the Ideals of Jesus Challenge the Standards of Youth." This theme will be treated on four occasions, beginning with a theme address at the Saturday evening banquet by Rev. Edward A. Thompson of Pasadena; discussion of the theme by groups of twenty on Sunday morning at 9:30; theme sermon at 11 o'clock by Dr. John Gardner of Riverside, and theme summary at 2:30 on Sunday, led by Mr. James Wallace of Los Angeles.

The fun and fellowship of the convention begins on Saturday at 3 p.m., immediately following the registration of delegates. The young people will be taken on an inspection tour of the "catacombs" of the Mission Inn, followed by an inter-church baseball game at 5 o'clock. A get-acquainted social is scheduled at 6 p.m., then the evening banquet with songs, yells, and stunts after the theme address. The visiting young people will be entertained in the homes of their Riverside hosts over night, but must be up early Sunday morning to attend the sunrise service on Mt. Roubidoux, led by Mr. Charles A. Wolf of Pasadena. Breakfast will be served at the church at 8 o'clock, and the Sunday program as outlined above follows, with dinner at the homes, and the closing program in the afternoon.

Mr. Gustavus Schneider, Director of Religious Education at the First Church Riverside, is the chairman of the Program Committee for the convention, and is working with Mr. Buckham on the details of the gathering. Each Young People's Society is entitled to five delegates, or seven from a church with two Societies. A fee of $1.00 covers all expenses, and registrations should be sent in to the Los Angeles office at once.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN ON "WEST COAST OF MEXICO"

The Committee of Seven on the West Coast of Mexico met at the Conference Office, 714 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, November 27, 1929, at 10 a. m. The following members were present: Mr. Fred Wilcox; Supt. George F. Kenngott, D.D.; Rev. John Howland, D.D.; Rev. A. D. Stauffacher; Rev. C. E. Crawford. Mr. Wilcox presided.

A letter from Miss Aileen Parsons, Principal of the Mazatlan School was read, giving the dimensions of the Cuartel property. In view of the fact that the part owned by the Federal Government is much smaller than we had thought, and not at all large enough for a school site, it was

VOTED: To drop definitely the matter of the Cuartel property as a possible site for the Mazatlan school.

VOTED: To request Rev. H. C. Champe to make a complete list of all Mission properties, including church buildings, with their legal description, dimensions, and location.

VOTED: That the Mazatlan school building be so planned as to provide some room for lower grades, and that no arrangements be made in the present plans for a missionary residence.

VOTED: To suggest to the Executive Committee of the Junta General that Miss Margarita Wright take over the work of Treasurer of the Mission when Mr. Champe leaves for his furlough.

VOTED: To request the Superintendent to get in touch with the Candidate Department of the American Board in regard to a family that might be available for Guadalajara.

VOTED: To authorize the Personnel Committee to make arrangements with Mrs. Medora Williams for a one-year appointment to the Hermosillo school.

VOTED: To request Dr. Kenngott to write the series of articles asked by Rev. Apolinar Zambrano y Ramirez for publication in "El Advance."

VOTED: To invite Rev. Clarence A. Neff to meet with this Committee some time at his convenience in January.

A letter was read from Rev. Samuel Guy Inman, D.D., in regard to a possible arrangement with the Southern Methodists for a combination of their publishing interests in Mexico with the United States.

VOTED: That this Committee favors consultation with Rev. Newberry, as suggested by Dr. Inman, with a view to working out a new adjustment.

VOTED: To recommend that the visit of the Superintendent to the field be at the time of the Annual meeting of the Mission.

VOTED: To suggest to the Program Committee of the Conference that Rev. Manuel Elias of Hermosillo be invited to address the Conference at Claremont.

VOTED: That the Executive Committee be authorized to appropriate available funds to meet, as far as possible, the needs of the Field.

Meeting adjourned at call of Superintendent.

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 12, 1929

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference was held on Tuesday, November 12, 1929, at 9:45 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 845 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California.

Members present: Revs. P. F. Schrock, C. L. Knight, H. F. Burr, Luther Freeman, A. S. Donat, Chester Ferris, H. V. Hartshorn, S. A. Norton, H. C. Culbertson, E. D. Gaylord; Mesrs. Blake Franklin, F. M. Wilcox, A. H. Weitkamp, R. D. Brown; Mesdames J. H. Lash, E. B. Allen, C. L. Cliff, A. M. Dole, E. B. Adams, Wm. Davies, Miss Gertrude Reid, also Mr. Buckham, Mr. Waterhouse, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Franklin and Rev. C. L. Knight led in prayer.

Ventura

A resolution was passed authorizing us to subordinate our mortgage of $20,000.00 to a bank mortgage, with the understanding that the Ventura people, if they wish to become other than a Congregational Church, may settle by paying us $7,500.00 and 7 per cent interest from date.

Educational Secretary Mr. Buckham, read his report, stating that he had moved to be nearer the campus at Westwood in order that he might better keep in touch with our students at the university. Also, that his committee recommended the change of the Summer Conference from June and July to the first of September in order that students might return to their churches enthused from the Conference rather than lose the enthusiasm through a vacation period. Also they recommended that the May Conference, heretofore held in connection with the State Conference, be discontinued and that beginning in January we have an Annual Mid-winter Congregational Conference of Young People lasting two days. Carried.

Religious Education

Dr. Gaylord reported the meeting of the committee for the month in regard to the work on the campus at the university, and the request from other outside individuals that we have a full time worker, if possible. The committee had three alternatives before them, to continue as now, giving as much time to this work as possible; ask a grant from the Educational Society; have someone do part time service in the Elementary Sunday School work, thus leaving Mr. Buckham to give all his time to the young people. No action was taken.

Oriental and Indian Work

Mr. Donat reported for the committee that for the Santa Maria work they recommend the purchase of a school building and move it, and equip it at an expense to us of one-quarter or one-fifth according to the number of denominations that may go in, and provided the property may be given in trust so that the Building Society might grant us a loan.

West Coast of Mexico

Mr. Wilcox had visited Mexico with the architect. He reported fine progress in the building fund and hoped to have some lots before long.

Bakersfield, Pilgrim

Parsonage had been repaired at a cost of $90 and re-rented at an advance in monthly rental. Mr. W. S. Grandy is in bad health and presented his resignation. This was accepted and Mr. Donat was asked to convey our regrets and hope for his recovery.

MAKING THE PROJECT COUNT

By Mary D. Uline of the A.B.C.F.M.

The projects, once chosen, should be the center of the imssionary education program of the church, the inspiration for its giving, the practical demonstration of its missionary mindedness. They should be the means by which the whole church is brought to a new attitude toward the whole world. To this end we are making the following suggestions for the educational use of the project.

1. Give every organization in the church a chance at some one of the projects, according to the nature of the projects and the age of the organization. For example, in one church the education committee offers first choice to the younger departments of the church school, so that they may have the things most appealing to boys and girls. The adults take the more "grown up" things. In one church not long ago the junior department superintendent came to the office of the American Board to see if there was something that her juniors could do in the way of a definite, concrete piece of work for other boys and girls. **She did not even know that her church had a list of six strong projects,** three of which would have been of strong appeal to junior boys and girls. Often information of this sort is tied up in a committee. Get it out to every organization.

2. Present the projects as a part of the whole activity of the church to the whole constituency of the church. For example, at some one of the church get-to-gethers, a big church supper, a rally, a social evening, give a program based on the projects, recent news of the projects, local color, etc. A fellowship supper in one church made each table a center for some one project. There was a Japanese table, for example, on which Japanese curios formed the centerpiece, and news of the project was presented to the whole audience afterwards by some one chosen from that table.

3. Provide for personal individual contact between the church and the project. This may may be done in a great variety of ways. If your project is in China there may be a Chinese student who can make China real to you in a way never before accomplished. There may be a young missionary from that station at home on furlough, with a fresh, enthusiastic report. There may be fascinating letters from your missionary which could be read. There may be new pictures in the hands of some member of your church. Find pictures of your foreign fellow workers, your missionary; enlarge them so that they can really be enjoyed by all the church and put them in a prominent place. Try to produce the feeling of a real partnership.

4. Ask the missionary involved in your general service work, or the missionary whom you support, for something definite that your church can do to help as an **extra.** This should be a piece of specific service such as will appeal especially to the young people of the church,—a baseball and bat for the new boys' school baseball team, a bit of athletic equipment, a shower of pencils, surgical dressings for the hospital, a subscription to a magazine for the pastor of an Indian church who reads English, but has no chance to practice it or to cultivate his interest in things international. Be sure this is an **extra,** and doesn't take the place of the regular support of your own project.

5. Build the project into the regular educational program of the church. There are now wonderful materials for this purpose for all ages and on practically every country with regard to which you would have a project. Do this in the discussions of the young people's organization, the programs of the women, the meetings of the men's brotherhood, the graded material of the church school. Best of all, if possible plan for a school of missions or world friendship or church training night. For this purpose send for "The World Friendship Institute," free. As one man said recently, "We would as soon give up our Sunday School as our regular annual World Friendship Institute. Both are necessities in the training of our church.

6. From time to time use extra attractive methods,—dramatics, for example. Build your own dramatics now and then if you can. Have a round table or fagot fire where the members of the young people's organization will bring to put upon the fire fagots to represent the contributions or talents which we as Americans would like to contribute to the Christianity of the world. Still others will bring fagots representing the contributions which we as Christians in America would like to receive from other Christians around the world. Let the group work out these to suit themselves. It will make for a really spiritual program. Make use of the Exchange Bureau where dramatic materials may be borrowed at a cost of 5c plus postage. Send for the dramatic number of the Envelope Series, price 5c.

7. At least for some portion of the year plan for a bulletin board. A member of the young people's organization in a local church came to our office the other day, saying "I have

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been given charge of the project bulletin board. I have to play up our projects on it, in news, pictures, etc. What can I find?

8. Secure the project leaflets that apply to your project, under the series, "If Your Project is in—China, Africa, India,—" etc., also The Envelope Series of the American Board, especially the Plans number, September, 1929, subscription price for this magazine, which is for leaders in the local church, 10c a year, single copies 5c. Write to the Education department of the American Board if you wish help in building an educational program for your church.

A LETTER FROM SCOTLAND

Rev. John B. Toomay writes to the Conference Superintendent as follows:

11 Kilmaurs Road,
Edinburgh, Scotland,
November 11, 1929.

"It is Armistice Day. A sad day in Great Britain. The skies above us here look mournful. The strain of the return of the day is almost too much for human nature. But the recognition of the day has been prevailingly religious corresponding well with our Anglo-Saxon traditions. Our professor in Psychology drew from the World War in his lecture this morning four lessons:

"1. He thinks yet that it will be the beginning of the end of drinking customs here. He had hoped for more in this direction than has developed in Scotland thus far, but he is hoping still. He cited what was done in the U. S. at war time for prohibition. We took hold of the situation at the psychological moment and did away with it. It was clear that this had his approval;

"2. The World-War had liberated peoples who were before dominated and oppressed. He cited Poland as a striking example;

"3. Quoting Kant—"War is such folly that expediency alone should convince the nations of its futility." He said war was worse than folly, it was insanity. This the World-War had shown;

"4. The League of Nations—He called on me to tell why the U. S. had not gone into the league and so I had a chance to be heard on an international question by a a small international group in the halls of Edinburgh University. It was a little ticklish, too, for some of the Americans were Republicans and some Democrats from as far south as Alabama, but I took the position that Woodrow Wilson was a prophet but he had a bad Senate. Think I was on safe ground. So much for that.

"I was in on the great day of the Union of the two Presbyterian Churches. Great crowd of 12,000. It was a great and encouraging occasion and means much for the Kingdom of God as a whole and ought to be a stimulus for the rest of the world.

"I see we have 12 Congregational churches in Edinburgh and its environs. Am surprised to see so many since Presbyterianism is so old and strong."

FROM THE EAST

From the American Board Quarterly News Bulletin, Congregational House, Boston, November 21st:

"HONORED GUESTS"

They are. A cordial reception is being given to the twenty-seven guests in at least 100,000 Congregational homes during these weeks. The whole plan of the Guest Book has hit the mark squarely. The first printing of 160,000 was soon exhausted. The second edition is off the press. A total of nearly 190,000 copies have been distributed to individuals who have ordered them.

Each of the thirty pages of this booklet presents a different guest, day by day, from the home mission field or from lands afar. Well illustrated and written in a decidedly popular vein, the story of these representatives presents the personal side of the enterprise, for these are the devoted leaders who carry on the great task.

Many pastors are making comment from week to week as the congregation reads the stories. Hundreds of mid-week services are discussing this material under such titles as: "The Guests I Liked Best, and Why." After the Guest Book has been read, each congregation has been asked to earnestly consider its own missionary goals and adopt the budget which it will strive to raise. The first step is an Every Member Canvass that shall be effectively planned and carried out with enthusiasm. Then indeed it will be a real "Plan of Advance" for these next few years. Friends who care deeply will see to it that the Plan moves forward to success in each local church.

Miss Mary D. Uline of the A. B. C. F. M., writes as follows, November 27th:

"The critical situation of our national societies is a matter of grave concern to all of us. To offset this, however, we have reason to hope that the inspiration of the recent meetings of the Regional Committees and the widespread use of the Guest Book in connection with the promotion of the Plan of Advance, will be a stimulus to more generous and sacrificial giving.

"We are hoping for increased receipts in gifts in 1930 as a result of the coming Every Member Canvass, notwithstanding the difficult conditions which we are all facing."

NEWS ITEMS

Alpine—Rev. W. H. Fuller of San Diego has been acting pastor at Alpine since October 27th.

Barstow—Rev. Isaac McRae, pastor since 1921, has resigned, resignation to take effect January 1st. The church has a valuable site; the property is worth $27,500.00 and contains a fine new church building, erected about a year ago, and a good parsonage about six or seven years old, a short distance from the church.

The Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southern California Congregational Conference will be held with the Claremont Church on May 12, 14, 1930, by invitation of the church. The Young People's Mid-winter Conference will be held at the Riverside Church, January 11-12, 1930.

Lawndale—Rev. John Hester is the acting pastor.

Los Angeles Armenian Gethsemane—Rev. Aram S. Yeretzian, pastor since 1910, resigned recently and the church is seeking a succesor.

Carthay Center—Owing to the fact that the Episcopalians bought the church building at Carthay Center, the Congregational Church has had to vacate, and because no other place could be found for worship, has disbanded.

Finnish Congregational Church—Rev. John F. Heino, pastor, proposes to erect a church building in the near future on the site purchased several years ago.

Masis (Turkish Armenian), Los Angeles—Rev. H. H. Ashjian resigned to accept the pastorate of an Armenian Church in Chicago. The Masis Church at present is supplied by Rev. S. M. Rejebian, pastor of the Celicia (Turkish Armenian) Church in Pasadena.

Mayflower Congregational Church of Los Angeles has voted to disband. The property was sold by the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles to the Salvation Army. This church was organized in 1878. The Mayflower Chuch united several years ago with the East Congregational Church under the name of the Mayflower. The community in which the Mayflower and the East churches were located, is very much overchurched. Owing to this fact and the change in population, an Ecclesiastical Council advised the disbanding of the church and the sale of the property.

Olivet, Los Angeles, (Rev. W. H. Hopkins, pastor), celebrated on November 24th the Fortieth Anniversary of the organization of the church, with services very largely attended. This church has a fine building at the corner of Washington and Magnolia and has had large success under the efficient pastoral leadership of Dr. Hopkins.

Plymouth, Los Angeles—Rev. H. C. Culbertson resigned several months ago after a pastorate of six years to become co-pastor with Dr. Charles F. Aked of the All Souls' Church (Congregational) in Los Angeles. His successor, Rev. James H. More, began his pastorate auspiciously with large attendance at the services on Sunday, November 3rd.

Western Knoll, Rev. Frank C. Reid, pastor since 1923, resigned recently and Rev. Paul A. Davies, pastor of the Santa Barbara Congregational Church since 1920, was unanimously called to the pastorate and will begin his services, February 1, 1930. Rev. Wm. A. Davies, father of Rev. Paul A. Davies, was pastor for twenty years of the Vernon Avenue Congregational Church, which, under the leadership of Rev. Frank C. Reid, moved to its new location on West 20th and South Gramercy Place. The church has a fine property, well located, in a large and growing community.

Mojave—Rev. John T. Munton, pastor since 1927 of Tehachapi, serves both Tehachapi and Mojave, and has recently moved his residence to Mojave.

Nuevo—Rev. W. B. Pinkerton has resigned and is giving his entire attention to Glen Avon, where he resides.

Rev. Daniel F. Fox, D.D., who was pastor for many years of the First Congregational Church of Pasadena, is reported to be in Egypt.

First Congregational Church of Pasadena—Rev. Edward A. Thompson, D.D., came from La Grange, Illinois, to begin his pastorate at the First Congregational Church of Pasadena on Sunday, November 17th, and had a great audience to greet him.

La Jolla—Rev. Charles L. Knight, pastor of this church since 1921, began his pastorate at Ontario recently. Since he left La Jolla, Rev. Ralph B. Larkin, D.D., has been serving the church as stated supply. The church has called to its pastorate Rev. Charles L. Mears, pastor since 1924 of the First Congregational Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Panama—Rev. W. W. Hart closed his pastorate November 20th.

Ramona—Rev. W. W. Johnston closed his pastorate several months ago and the church is considering the matter of a union with the Friends Church.

Saticoy—Rev. Albert S. Hawkes, pastor since 1922 of the First Congregational Church of York Village, Maine, has acepted the pastorate of this church.

Shafter—Since the resignation of Rev. E. A. Waldo, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Wasco, has been serving Shafter with much acceptance.

Christmas Is Coming! — Order Christmas cards, magazines, books and Sunday School supplies from the Conference Book Room.

Every Member Canvass — Order supplies of Guest Book; Pledge and Information cards, and leaflets from the Congregational Office.

Apportionment for 1929—Credit will be given for money received and letters containing checks postmarked not later than January 7, 1930. Conference requires $30,000.00 to close the year without a deficit. Please send in money on or before January 7th.

Apportionment for 1930—As result of the thorough Every Person Canvass, in pursuance of the Plan of Advance, the churches are urged to make a twenty per cent increase in the Apportionment. Several churches have already reported this increase. The Southern California Congregational Conference was the first to democratize the whole matter of the Apportionment, trusting to the churches to adopt their own Apportionment in the light of the world wide needs and their own loyalty and ability.

Rev. Carl S. Patton, D.D., has returned to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles. A reception was tendered to him on Tuesday evening, October 8, which filled the church. Addresses were given by representatives of the various churches and of the First Church itself, which brought forth a fine response from Dr. Patton. Everyone is glad to see him back at the First Church.

Brea, Rev. W. J. Oldfield, pastor. The Conference Superintendent gave an illustrated lecture on Sunday evening, October 6, on Mexico, which was attended by a congregation that filled the fine, new church.

Association Meetings were unusually well attended. First came the Kern Association at Panama, Rev. W. W. Hart, Pastor, Friday, October 11. The church was well filled for all of the three sessions. The Young People's Chorus sang with fine effect in the evening. The next was the meeting of the Los Angeles Association at Sierra Madre on Tuesday, October 15, with about the largest attendance in the history of the Association. San Bernardino Association met on Wednesday, October 16 in the Highland Church. Dinner was served in the Community Church and the evening addresses were given around the tables. The last, San Diego Association, was held at National City, October 17, with meetings morning and afternoon.

REPORT OF ADOPTION OF GOAL

The first report came from Rev. Wm. Forshaw, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, San Diego, which states that the church had a meeting on September 25th and adopted as its goal for 1930, $100.00 increase over 1929, when it was $750.00. The total for next year therefore is $850.00. Which will be the next? The plan is to have a twenty (20%) per cent increase.